

Application No. 10/804,477
Amendment and Response

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled and new claims 21-40 have been added. Accordingly, claims 21-40 are pending in the present application. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The title has been amended to reflect that the presently recited claims are device claims. Paragraph [001] of the specification has been amended to reflect that certain parent applications have now issued.

Support for the new paragraph added after paragraph [085] of the specification is inherent in the recitation of the term "chalcogenide" in paragraph [084]. *See e.g.* U.S. Patent No. 6,429,449, column 1, lines 29-39.

The new claims are supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed, with no new matter being added. As former claims 1-20 have been cancelled, the double patenting rejections of claims 1-20 are now moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present claims. In the event there is any impediment to allowance of the claims, which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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